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FROM : Chief of Base, Munich

SUBJECT: GENERAL—Operational/REDWOOD/LCIMPROVE/AERODYNAMIC

SPECIFIC—Progress Report for the month of July 1956

Reference: EGMA-22213 ← AE DRUMMER

1. Headquarters action required:

Answer to paragraph two of reference.

2. Developments

a) AECASSOWARY 3 provided us with an organizational breakdown of AEDRUMMER 1 which was forwarded to headquarters with a request that key personnel be given an AEDRUMMER cryptonym. (See reference.)

b) During the period reported on, the Karolina HILZ documents were released to the public in Germany by AECASSOWARY 1 and AEDRUMMER 1 staffers. On 20 July an all-Ukrainian press conference was held in Munich during which the documents were released, and on 24 July a similar conference was held in Bonn for German and other foreign journalists, etc. Both conferences were very successful and were followed by a wide dissemination of the prisoners' appeal in both the German and the Ukrainian press.

c) AECASSOWARY 6 reported that (Dr) Modest REPETSKYY has solicited his aid in obtaining more information about his parents in Lvov from AEBLEACHER. REPETSKYY's request was prompted by his assumption that AECASSOWARY 6 had contact with the "other American agency" which took over AEBLEACHER from ODOPAL. AECASSOWARY 6 was advised by us to refrain from discussing this matter further with REPETSKYY. In the meantime, however, information REPETSKYY seeks will be passed to ODOPAL with a request that they give it to REPETSKYY. For details of this episode, see para 1 c of Contact Report No. 4. cc contact w/4 subjects

3. Transmitted herewith as attachments to this Progress Report are Contact Reports numbered one through four containing details of each meeting held during the reporting period.

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AGENT AECASSOWLEY 3 and 6

DATE 12 July 1956

CASE OFFICER

CONTACT REPORT # 1

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT 1000 12 July 1956 MICROFILMED

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PLACE MEETING HELD At saléhouse used by ABCASS 6

DURATION MEETING two hours

PURPOSE OF MEETING Routine meeting

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ADMIN/FINAN 1) Picked up AEDRUMMER and AECASSOWARY newspaper
accountings.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED 18 July 1956

COMMUNICATIONS **None**

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Contact Report # 1

Operational Matters and Comments:

1. Operational business transacted included the following:

- a) Received accountings for AECASSOWARY 1 and AEDRUMMER newspapers for the months of April, May and June.
- b) After some delay, AECASSOWARY 3 finally came through with an organizational breakdown chart of AEDRUMMER 1. (This will be translated into English and forwarded to headquarters along with a request that key people in AEDRUMMER be assigned a cryptonym in this category.)
- c) Received several copies of AECASSOWARY 1 and AEDRUMMER 1 newspapers.

2. Other matters of interest reported by AECASSOWARY 3 and 6 were as follows.

a) Bohdan PIDHAINY was recently struck by an automobile and is now recovering in a local hospital. He hopes to emigrate to ~~an~~ ada within a few months.

On 6 June the Union of Ukrainian Journalists held a meeting during which it was formally decided to call Boris LEVITSKIY before the group to explain his recent activities and arrest on charges of espionage. A letter was drafted during this meeting for this purpose. However, someone attending the meeting, probably Dmitro ANDREIVSKIY, warned LEVITSKIY of the action contemplated, causing the latter to resign from the Union of Ukrainian Journalists. Whoever warned LEVITSKIY also withheld mailing the Union's letter to LEVITSKIY until after he had resigned, for when he finally got the invitation, he answered it by saying that he saw no reason to explain his actions to the Union of Ukrainian Journalists since he was no longer a member of that organization.

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AGENT AECASSOWARY 3 and 6

DATE 17 July 1956

CASE OFFICER E

CONTACT REPORT # 2

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT 17 July 1000

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PLACE MEETING HELD 15 Geibelstr.

DURATION MEETING two hours

PURPOSE OF MEETING Routine meeting during which AECASSOWARY 3 presented plan for the release of the HILZ documents.

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NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED To be arranged via phone

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Contact Report # 2



Operational Matters and Comments

1. Almost the entire meeting was spent discussing the forthcoming public release of the Karolina HILZ documents, both in PBPRIME and in Germany. Upon receipt of notification from AECASSOWARY 2 that the documents have been released publicly in PBPRIME, AECASSOWARY 3, AECASSOWARY 8 and other AECASSOWARY 1 and AEDRUMMER members are to hold a press conference in Munich for Ukrainian journalists, emigre leaders, and other interested Ukrainians during which the documents are to be released and discussed. After the Munich conference, a similar meeting is to be held in Bonn for German and other foreign press representatives. AECASSOWARY 3 said he would let the undersigned know when these conferences are to take place and would also furnish a report on the results.
2. AECASSOWARY 3 presented the undersigned a Mikhailov Committee letter received by Miroslav MARTINETS. This letter was signed by a notional group calling itself "SOKUL" and contained the usual appeal for its reader to return to the Homeland. (The undersigned later learned that a similar letter had been received by others and copies forwarded to headquarters.)
3. The next meeting is to be arranged via telephone.

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AGENT AECASSOWARY 3 and 6

DATE 27 July 1956

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CONTACT REPORT # 3

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT 1000 - 27 July 1956

RV PLACE _____

PLACE MEETING HELD 15 Geibelstr.; safehouse occupied by AECASSOWARY 6

DURATION MEETING two hours

PURPOSE OF MEETING Receive report of Bonn press conference re release
of HILZ documents.

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NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED 31 July 1956 at 1000

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Contact Report # 3

Operational Matters and Comments

1. The above meeting was held in order to receive AECASSOWARY 3 and 6's report on the European exploitation of the HILZ documents. The public release of these documents followed a similar release in PBPRIME via AECASSOWARY 2 and the American Ukrainian Congress Committee. In Germany, and specifically Munich, a press conference was held on 20 July attended by approximately 70 Ukrainians representing the Ukrainian Emigre press, various emigre organizations and private individuals. This conference was sponsored by AECASSOWARY 1 and conducted by AECASSOWARY 8. Although AECASSOWARY 3 actually was the key person behind the exploitation of the HILZ documents in Germany, for political and personal reasons, he chose to remain behind the scenes.

2. The Munich press conference was well received by those attending although one or two visitors did ask rather naive and even embarrassing questions regarding the authenticity and origin of the HILZ documents. By and large, however, all were impressed with the documents and most showed deep sympathy for the slave camp inmates who authored the documents. In fact, even the opposition to AECASSOWARY 1, AECAVATINA 6, was moved, and since the conference, published the documents in their paper with favorable comments. At the conclusion of the conference, a pro tem committee was selected to form a permanent committee which would study ways of exploiting the documents further in presenting the prisoner's plea to a wider audience and, of course, in the general anti-Soviet struggle.

3. On 24 July a press conference was held in Bonn for the benefit of German and other foreign presses and interested parties. This conference was conducted by AECASSOWARY 8 with the help of AECASSOWARY 3 and other AECASSOWARY 1 and AEDRUMMER people. According to AECASSOWARY 3, this conference was even more successful than the one held in Munich for Ukrainians. To say the least, all present were impressed with the HILZ documents. Shortly after the conference ended, Bonn radio presented a twenty-five minute program devoted entirely to the HILZ documents, and RIAS in Berlin and radio Stuttgart also aired the matter for quite a lengthy time over their respective stations. The foreign press and radio, said AECASSOWARY 3, gave the documents and pertinent background information thereto treatment worthy of the best Ukrainian nationalist.

4. The above is rather a rough sketch of the results of AECASSOWARY 1 exploitation of the HILZ documents. On 31 July, AECASSOWARY 3 will submit for our retention and information a complete report of the two press conferences along with press clippings, radio transcripts, etc.

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5. An interesting aspect of the release of the HILZ documents, aside from their contents, is the fact that the sub-source of the documents (Karolina HILZ) and the method by which she brought them out of the Soviet Union, were not revealed at either press conference. Thus, if this information is also kept secret by those releasing the documents in PBPRIME, then the documents, their publication, etc., should cause some concern for the Soviets, especially if they conclude that AECASSOWARY 1 and other emigre groups have channels to the slave labor camps in the Soviet Union. Unless the source of the documents is divulged, wittingly or unwittingly, it seems certain the RIS will make an attempt to learn more about the documents. Their first target, quite naturally, will probably be Munich

6. Other matters discussed during this contact were:

a) The undersigned asked where Stefan DANYLUK might be located. They replied that they had seen him recently at AECAVATINA 6 offices, working part-time on the paper.

b) The undersigned asked whether they had heard anything about the alleged courier from the homeland reported in DIR-21503. They replied in the negative.

7. The next meeting was scheduled for 31 July 1956.

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AGENT AECASSOWARY 3 and 6DATE 31 July 1956CASE OFFICER E JCONTACT REPORT # 4DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT 31 July 1956 1000

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PLACE MEETING HELD 15 Geibelstr.

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DURATION MEETING two hours

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PURPOSE OF MEETING 1) Pay AEDRUMMER and AERODYNAMIC newspaper subsidy

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for month of August; 2) Receive press clippings (German Press)
on HILZ documents release; 3) Hold routine weekly meeting.

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ADMIN/FINAN Turned over to AECASSOWARY 3 August newspaper subsidy
i.e., AERODYNAMIC - 14,000 DM; AEDRUMMER - 10,000NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED August 8COMMUNICATIONS N A

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Contact Report # 4

Operational Matters and Comments

1. Operational matters handled during the above meeting included the following:

a) Paid the AEDRUMMER and AERODYNAMIC newspaper subsidy for the month of August.

b) Received German Press clippings on the release of the HILZ documents in Bonn by AECASSOWARY 3, 8 et. al. Following the successful press conference staged for the purpose of releasing the HILZ documents to the German and other foreign press services, AECASSOWARY 3 engaged several press clipping services to clip for him any material published as the result of the conference. As reported earlier, German reaction to the HILZ papers was very favorable and an account of the prisoner's appeals appeared in over forty German newspapers. These clippings, along with transcripts of several radio broadcasts on the subject of the HILZ documents, were loaned to the undersigned by AECASSOWARY 3 for MOB perusal with a request that they be photocopied for Headquarters' and AECASSOWARY 2's edification. (A copy shall be sent to Headquarters under separate dispatch.) AECASSOWARY-3 repeatedly expressed his deep satisfaction over the results of the two press conferences held for the release of the HILZ documents and stressed the significance of the wide dissemination by the German press in that not only has the prestige of the Ukrainian emigration increased because of its presentation of the plight of the prisoners, but because a genuine bit of anti-Soviet propaganda has been offered the German public which is certain to have lasting effects. Further public reaction to these documents, additional press clippings from German and other foreign presses, and any other material pertaining to the documents will be submitted by AECASSOWARY 3 when received.

c) AECASSOWARY 6 reported that recently he was approached by Dr. Modest REPETSKYY (person instrumental in the AEBLEACHER apprehension) who told 6 he had something very important to discuss with him. In the discussion which followed between these two, REPETSKYY confided in 6 the events leading to the arrest of AEBLEACHER. (AECASSOWARY 6's report of this conversation has been passed to the case officer at MOB handling the AEBLEACHER case.) The basis for REPETSKYY's approach to 6 in this matter is as follows. After ODOPAL had arrested AEBLEACHER via the help of REPETSKYY, the latter turned to them to learn what all AEBLEACHER knew about his (Repetskyy's) parents, brothers and sisters. ODOPAL told him they turned AEBLEACHER over to another agency (American). Following this, REPETSKYY decided to solicit AECASSOWARY 6's aid in finding out AEBLEACHER's experience with the REPETSKYY family in Lvov. Knowing nothing about the AEBLEACHER

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case, AECASSOWARY 6 was not in a position to help REPETSKYY but drew out REPETSKYY in order to inform us of the case as REPETSKYY knew it. Case officer comment: AEBLEACHER's approach to REPETSKYY was based on his contact with the REPETSKYY family in Lvov from whom he had gotten (via RIS help) letters and photographs which he gave to Modest Repetskyy. After ODOPAL arrested AEBLEACHER, it was only natural that REPETSKYY would seek more information about his family which he was certain AEBLEACHER was able to provide. However, since ODOPAL had turned AEBLEACHER over to us, rather than tell REPETSKYY they would get additional information about his family, which they could have requested of KUBARK and probably gotten, they told REPETSKYY AEBLEACHER was no longer in their hands. Since no doubt REPETSKYY knew AECASSOWARY 6 was in contact with some American agency other than ODOPAL, and probably the one now holding AEBLEACHER REPETSKYY solicited his aid in obtaining the information he desired. Without going into details, the undersigned told AECASSOWARY 6 that the matter broached by REPETSKYY to him (AEBLEACHER case) was known to us and that unless advised to the contrary, he was to tell REPETSKYY, if asked, that he knows nothing about the case. However, in all fairness to REPETSKYY and compensation for his role in apprehending AEBLEACHER, information he seeks about his family should be provided him either via ODOPAL or AECASSOWARY 6. Furthermore, this would prevent REPETSKYY from seeking this information from his other emigre contacts which, if not curtailed, will certainly lead to the blowing of the AEBLEACHER case. While ODOPAL was involved in the case, REPETSKYY was sworn to secrecy but apparently, since ODOPAL has withdrawn from it, REPETSKYY no longer feels bound by his pledge.

Upon learning from STAA-1535 that Lubomyr ORTINSKYY was seeing a visa to visit Turkey, the undersigned asked AECASSOWARY 3 for his comments re this. 3 stated that for the past several years AECASSOWARY 1 was trying to get one of their representatives to visit Turkey to study the Ukrainian emigration there, if such exists, and to determine from this whether it would be worthwhile to include Turkey in their field of emigre work. ORTINSKYY's effort to go to Turkey was for this reason.

3. The next meeting with AECASSOWARY 3 and 6 was scheduled for 8 August 1956.

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